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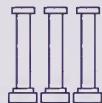
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Northwestern State University of Louisiana



Our Hometown

Chris Maggio, '85
Director Alumni Affairs



Fellow Northwestern Graduates and Friends:

As I write this, we are in the process of completing another banner academic year at Northwestern. This year we witnessed another record student enrollment and 100% accreditation of all of our eligible academic programs. Furthermore, our athletic programs continue to thrive, as we have become the team to beat in the Southland Conference. So it is an exciting time at our alma mater.

While we continue to earn these positive achievements, it becomes apparent that we are attracting higher and higher quality students to campus. Academic success and a positive environment are virtues that prospective students and families look for in a university. Other intangibles that students seek are safe and friendly atmospheres. We are very fortunate to have these attributes in historic Natchitoches.

As you read this issue and view the pictures of Natchitoches, I hope that you are reminded of positive endeavors while you attended Northwestern. Natchitoches, with its beauty and charm, is the perfect setting for a university, and with the positive relationship that exist between the two, you can certainly see why we are the college of choice for thousands of students.

As we promote the university we also promote Natchitoches, and the same holds true for Natchitoches. Northwestern is the focal point when Natchitoches is marketed.

Growing up in Natchitoches I vividly remember store windows painted purple and white on game days, Northwestern flags flying on the downtown bridge and the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band leading the Christmas Festival parade. As a student at Northwestern, I remember the genuineness of local merchants as they expressed their gratitude to students for choosing Northwestern and becoming a part of the Natchitoches community and I appreciated the student discounts at the local eateries and businesses.

Now, as an administrator at the university I see the sincere relationships and cooperation between city and university officials, merchants, townspeople, faculty, staff, and students. We are very lucky to have such a strong "town and gown" bond, and under the current leadership of Dr. Randall Webb and Mayor Wayne McCullen, this association is as vibrant as ever.

I hope you have a great summer, and hope that you have an opportunity to visit Natchitoches and Northwestern again soon to relive some of the positive memories that you had while a student. III

About the cover: Front Street in Natchitoches at sunrise. Natchitoches Mayor, Wayne McCullen and wife Sandra with NSU President Randall Webb and wife Brenda, are superimposed over the historic downtown brick street.

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Northwestern & Natchitoches

Strong university, city relationship, helps each continue to prosper



The past 15 years have been a time of unprecedented growth for both Northwestern State and Natchitoches. That's no coincidence. During that time, the university and the city have worked closely on numerous activities and projects.

Natchitoches Mayor, Wayne McCullen and wife Sandra were photographed in downtown Natchitoches on the patio of Dominic's Italian Restaurant, with NSU President Randall Webb and wife Brenda.

“Northwestern and Natchitoches go hand in hand,” said NSU student Halie Lucky, a freshman family and consumer sciences major from Natchitoches, who returned to the city after being away for several years and works in the Office of Admissions and Recruiting. “You feel like you know everyone. Your neighbors may go to school or work here. We give tours to students and their parents and they are complimentary of the campus and the city. They know their kids will be at home here.”

The close community-university or “town-gown” relationship is constantly nurtured by NSU’s administration as well as city government.

“The city and the university are always looking to do things that are of mutual benefit to each other,” said Northwestern President Dr. Randall J. Webb. “Things the city does impacts Northwestern and accomplishments at Northwestern reflect well on the city.”

For several decades Northwestern has been one of the area’s largest employers, providing stability to the local economy through ups and downs in other industries.

The heart of Natchitoches

“Northwestern is at the heart of what Natchitoches is about,” said Nick Pollacia, executive vice president of the Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce and 1968 NSU graduate. “The university allows the city to far exceed what one would expect of a community this size.”

The City of Natchitoches has placed NSU banners along the Highway 6 West leading onto the campus. The city has also assisted the university by making improvements at the Natchitoches airport which is used by Northwestern’s aviation science program. Over the past two years, the City also received enhancement funds to enhance the medians on Highway 6 leading to the university. Work crews also put out NSU flags in the

downtown areas to promote events and the City Council encourages community spirit by periodically declaring NSU Purple Days.

“The City of Natchitoches and Northwestern have an extremely important relationship, Mayor Wayne McCullen a 1969 graduate said. “The intertwining of these two entities has brought great benefits to the NSU campus and overall Natchitoches community.”

Northwestern is a selling point

When Natchitoches attempts to sell itself to prospective businesses or individuals, Northwestern is a major selling point.

“When I talk with people who are moving here or considering moving here, Northwestern is the number one item we promote,” said Natchitoches realtor and 1982 graduate David Stamey. “Not many towns of about 20,000 in the South can provide what Natchitoches offers and a lot of that is because of Northwestern. The university provides quality academics, cultural events and Division I athletics. That sets us apart.”

Pollacia finds it easier to sell Natchitoches to prospective businesses because of NSU.

“It’s hard to compete with Natchitoches because of Northwestern. I tried,” said Pollacia. “When I

was in another community, we competed for a plant and lost to Natchitoches because of the university. Northwestern's presence puts the city on another level."

Stamey sees the impact the university has on the city through faculty and staff who buy homes and students who rent apartments.

"Students and employees of the university are welcome here. They are a part of the community," he said. "Businesses appreciate the fact that students rent apartments, spend money and go to restaurants."

Northwestern is vital to businesses

Several years ago, the university saw an opportunity to help itself and the residents of Natchitoches. Northwestern was able to sell excess land which was cut off from the main campus and used the funds to pay off bonds on residence halls. The land was developed to create a supermarket, convenience store, bank and restaurant.

In recent years, the city has seen a number of new restaurants open along with other businesses which are helped by tourism. The presence of Northwestern is vital to businesses in the service industry.

"All but one of my employees attended Northwestern. Without the university, I would not be in business in Natchitoches," said Natchitoches businessman Johnny Antoon, a 1968 graduate who owns Dominic's Restaurant, Antoon's and the Student Body. "Northwestern is the lifeblood of the community. Our former mayors, Ray Scott, Bobby DeBlieux, Joe Sampite' and now Wayne McCullen realize that. And it is very reassuring for people to know that their children can get an outstanding college education in their hometown."

Antoon said people in Natchitoches also draw a great deal of pride because of the strength of NSU's academic programs and the success of its athletic teams.

Combined events

Two national publications have recently named Natchitoches as one of the top retirement communities in the United States. The presence of Northwestern and the abundance of activities at the university was a major factor in those ratings. Each year, the local calendar is filled with concerts, plays, art exhibits, lectures and sporting events which provide a variety of activities for local residents. Those are in addition to a number of major annual events.

"The city and Northwestern always seem to be doing things together," said NSU student Katie Dollar of Pineville. "In the fall there's the "Boogie on the Bricks," the Christmas Festival in December and the Jazz Festival in the spring. Those things bring people together and give them something to do."

Among the other joint activities are the Natchitoches – Northwestern Symphony Orchestra and the Natchitoches – NSU Folk Festival. The Symphony recently completed its 35th season. Among the highlights of the year was a Gala Benefit to raise funds for a Steinway piano for the Mrs. H.D. Dear, Sr. and Alice Estelle Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts.

"Not many communities our size are able to hear a symphony of the caliber we have in Natchitoches. We do it primarily with student musicians and raise about \$20-25 thousand a year for scholarships," said David Graham, president of the Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Society and 1956 graduate. "When we were raising money for the piano, we got six corporate sponsorships and a level of community support that was unheard of."

The Natchitoches/NSU Folk Festival has been recognized as a four-time winner of the prestigious "Top Twenty Events in the Southeast" Award given annually by the Southeast Tourism Society. The Festival was also selected for inclusion in the Library of Congress' Bicentennial Celebration: Local Legacies Project.

"We could not do this festival without the people of the community who give of their time to help us," said Dr. Lisa Abney, director of the Louisiana Folklife Center at NSU. "To many people, the Festival is a time to come back to Northwestern. They come every year and take pride in that."

Abney said local government is also extremely helpful in dealing with a number of details.

"It would be very difficult to have a successful festival without the cooperation of the city," she said. "They are always available to answer questions and provide support whenever we need it."

The Folk Festival is one of a number of activities throughout the year that use NSU facilities. Prather Coliseum hosts athletic events, summer camp activities, concerts, school events and even a Mardi Gras ball. The Walter P. Ledet Track Complex is used for high school track meets and is open each day for use by the public. Other facilities

including the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium and the Friedman Student Union are open for use by the public.

When events take place on campus or in the community, one is likely to see Webb, McCullen and other city or university officials involved.

"My wife Brenda and I feel like we are ambassadors for Northwestern and Natchitoches, so we get out and promote them any chance we get," said Webb. "The mayor and many city officials do the same thing. We know that by continuing to work together we can continue to accomplish great things." III



Every weekday a group of friends and fans of NSU gather together to reminisce, discuss current events and share breakfast. Many of these men are alumni, former faculty or staff members or just town citizens, but the one thread that binds them together is their love for NSU athletics.

Their favorite topics include sports, jokes, fishing, politics and lack of hair.

"And we talk about women," added Harry Creighton, a 1940 graduate and former postmaster. "Well, three or four of the younger ones do."

"We solve all the world's problems and create a few, too," said Sam Coker, a retired professor of health and physical education.

This group has been meeting daily since 1990, but most have been friends since much longer. The youngest of the group is 70 years old and they span a variety of professional backgrounds, from educators to road contractors to city officials. There are also two POW's.

"Most are older than me so they talk about people I didn't know," said Sonny Fuller.

"We are a surplus of spare parts," said Gene Knecht, a 1961 graduate and former NSU football coach. "Artificial knees, artificial hips and some pacemakers."

Their love of humor is what keeps the group growing over the years.

"We may be talking about two different things on both sides of the table," said Walter Ledet, a 1939 graduate, former track and football coach and registrar.

College of Education gets an "A" on its report card

The Northwestern State College of Education is among the top of its class. NSU has been assigned a grade of "A" for the performance of regular and alternate certification program completers on the state teachers' examination, also known as PRAXIS.

Schools with passage rates of 92-97 percent received an "A." Northwestern's passage rate was 94 percent.

"I cannot express how pleased I am in the improvement in test passage rates," said Dean of College of Education John

Tollett. "Test rates went from 91 percent to 94 percent. This is a significant improvement and I expect our rates will continue to improve. Our goal is to be an "A+" university within two years."

According to Tollett, the next phase will be to establish university growth targets. Those targets will include an increase in the number of program completers, improvement in test passage rates and ratings by employers of NSU graduates. The targets are expected to be established by October 1. III



This group of men get together every morning to reminisce and talk of their love for Northwestern. Shown are Walter Ledet ('39), former track and football coach and registrar; Dr. Arnold Kilpatrick ('44), former NSU president; Harry Creighton ('40), Harry Goowin, a visitor of from England; Tom Post; Sonny Fuller; Norman Hicks; Dr. Sam Coker, former health and physical education professor; Alton Townsend ('41), Paul Keyser ('40), former NSU technician;

Gene Knecht ('61), former NSU football coach, Dudley Fulton ('35), former NSU Dean of Students and Clem Henderson. Other members of the group who are not pictured include Kit Carson; Fred Clark ('50); Johnnie Emmons ('53), former football, tennis and baseball coach; Wilder Lindsey; George Morreale; Allen Posey ('40); Theophile Scott ('43) and Joe Sampite ('59).



The men set aside one day of the year to honor their loved ones. On the Sunday closest to Valentine's Day, the group invites their wives for a ladies' day luncheon.

The last ritual of every morning is a matching of quarters to determine who pays for the day's coffee. Whoever paid the day before leads the game so he does not have to pay two days in a row.

"We have poor memory sometimes and can't remember who paid yesterday," admits former Dean of Men Dudley Fulton, who is also a 1935 graduate.

According to many, the newcomer always loses and has to pay.

These men come together in humor, but all are serious about their love of NSU.

"I enrolled in 1932 and I've been here since," said Fulton, who began the tradition of Mr. and Miss Northwestern while serving as dean. "I've followed the careers of a lot of them. They make good career selections and none of them have failed."

"Northwestern is headed in a great direction," said Norman Hicks.

"I am most proud of their increasing enrollment," said Knecht.

There is probably not another group who enjoy visiting with each other and sharing stories of their days at NSU as much as these men.

"We love humor," said Ledet. "It's a good way to start the day."



Maj. Gen. Erbon W. Wise and his wife Marie have set up the Erbon W. and Marie Wise Endowed Chair in Journalism at NSU. Shown are (from left): Dr. Steve Horton, head of the Department of Journalism, Marie Wise, Maj. Gen. Erbon W. Wise, NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb, Sam Holland, a member of the NSU Foundation board and Northwestern Director of Institutional Advancement Tony Gustwick.

Wises set up \$1,000,000 endowed chair in journalism

Maj. Gen. Erbon W. Wise and his wife Marie have donated \$400,000 to the NSU Foundation to create the Erbon W. and Marie Wise Endowed Chair in Journalism. The gift will be matched with \$600,000 from the Louisiana Board of Regents Support Fund to create a \$1,000,000 endowment.

"This generous gift from Gen. Wise and his wife Marie will have a tremendous impact on Northwestern's Department of Journalism and the University as a whole," said NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb. "I know the Wises have always held Northwestern close to their hearts and have assisted Northwestern, its students and alumni in many ways. Their gift will allow our journalism program to continue to grow."

NSU's program is accredited by the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications. The university has begun the process for reaffirmation of accreditation.

Erbon Wise, a 1941 graduate of Northwestern, is a charter member of the NSU Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line. The Wises met while students at Northwestern. His wife, Marie also graduated from Northwestern in 1941.

"Marie and I have always had love for Northwestern and the fine people who make it the splendid university that it has been, that it is today and that it will continue to be," said Erbon Wise. "Marie and I say thanks to the many great educators here and those who proceeded you here. You gave us a most helpful start in our lives."

According to Wise, his family always called State Normal College, now Northwestern "our family college." He said his father and six aunts and uncles attended Normal, as did Marie Wise's mother.

Wise developed a love for journalism even though his degree was in agriculture. "I came under the journalism guidance of Professor Ralph Ropp. Listening to him and publishing the Current Sauce was all the training I ever received in journalism," said Wise. "I graduated in agriculture because when I left the farm, my father had said, 'We are farmers. Go study agriculture.' But my heart was not in that hard profession."

After serving in World War II, Wise returned home and in 1948 purchased a newspaper in Maplewood, a community near Lake Charles. He became the publisher of 36 daily and weekly newspapers and Court News publications before retiring in 1998. Wise is the author of 19 books. His latest, "My Military Years, 1941-1969," was published last year.

In addition to serving 27 years in the U.S. Army Air Force, the U.S. Selective Service System, U.S. Army Reserve and the Louisiana National Guard, Wise served Louisiana as adjutant general and as state director of the Selective Service System, Civil Defense and the Office of Emergency Preparedness.

Marie Wise became a teacher after graduating from Northwestern. She was co-publisher of several newspapers with her husband. For 24 years, she wrote a popular weekly column, "Challenge of Genealogy" which appeared in 35 Louisiana newspapers.

The Wises have a deep interest in genealogy and established the Erbon and Marie Wise Genealogical Library at the Louisiana State Archives in Baton Rouge in 1987.

In 1991, they established the Erbon and Marie Wise Education Trust to fund advanced education in newspaper-related fields. Students at NSU and other universities have benefited from scholarships provided by the Trust.

According to Dr. Steve Horton, head of the Department of Journalism at NSU, the program will look to fill the chair with an experienced journalism professional interested in providing students with extensive training in various types of writing. The department also hopes to find an individual who will expose journalism students to the numerous opportunities awaiting them in the field.

Northwestern has one \$1,000,000 endowed chair along with a pledge to create a \$1,000,000 endowed chair in education. In addition, 21 endowed professorships are secured through the NSU Foundation. III



Alpha Sigma Alpha Returns to NSU



A new year saw a new beginning for some Greek members at NSU. The year-old local sorority Kappa Delta Sigma colonized to form Alpha Sigma Alpha in January.

Though this generation of Alpha Sigma Alpha is in its beginning, the sorority is not new to NSU. An Alpha Sigma Alpha chapter existed on Northwestern's campus from 1930 to 1971.

Alumni support

One member of that chapter and NSU graduate, Sidney Gremillion Alan ('42), a resident of Minden, embodies the ideals of Alpha Sigma Alpha. Alan went on to serve her sorority on the national level after graduating from NSU. She served as philanthropic chairman, then as vice president of alumnae affairs.

Later she was honored by serving as the Alpha Sigma Alpha National Panhellenic Conference delegate. She first became the treasurer, then served as the secretary and chairman in 1985.

According to Alan, national officers have had a great influence on her membership in the sorority.

"From the beginning I was inspired by national officers," said Alan. "My early introduction to knowing women on a national level made them very special to me. This has been as important to me as my church."

Alan is elated that her sorority will once again grace the campus.

"I was exhilarated to find out about the new chapter," she said. "It made me sad when we had to close. It really put a strain on my heart."

The new collegiate members understand the importance of alumni in the development of their new chapter.

"Alumni give us the support we need by helping us understand the ideals of Alpha Sigma Alpha," said Kelly Manuel, chapter president and a senior from Carencro.

Involved alumnae like Alan will provide models of Alpha Sigma Alpha women for collegiate members to look up to.

"I consider this a lifetime commitment," said Alan. "Some people don't realize how important it is. I hope whatever activities they engage in will produce ladies who are poised and excel at their own levels and have a purpose in life."

The group is looking at installation in October. III

Find Your Friends and Win !

Do you know someone who does not receive the Alumni Columns magazine?

The Northwestern State University Alumni Association is sponsoring the *Find Your Friends* Contest. The person who can give the Alumni Association the longest list of names of alumni currently not receiving the magazine will win one night at the Ramada Inn of Natchitoches during Homecoming weekend.

You may enter by compiling a list of NSU alumni who you know, who do not receive the Alumni Columns Magazine. Please include their name, mailing address and phone number if you know it. If you do not, please include the name and city. Send the

Generosity of NSU alumni helping students get an education

NSU student Corey Devillier finds it easy to explain how generosity is helping her obtain a college education.

"It takes a lot of pressure off me," said Devillier, a business administration major from Bunkie. "It keeps me from having to work and I can concentrate on school."

Devillier is a recipient of the Martin Foundation Scholarship which is administered through the NSU Foundation. The donation allows her to support Northwestern as a member of the Purple Pizazz Pom Pon Line.

"Because I have the scholarship, I can be on the Pom Pon Line. I enjoy dancing and this allows me to do that," said Devillier. "It makes me feel special to know that there are nice people out there who are willing to do something for others who need it."

Support

Recent support from alumni and friends of the university along with business and industry have helped NSU dramatically in recent years. Alumni of NSU were the most generous in the University of Louisiana System, according to the annual U.S. News and World Report College Survey. Northwestern had an alumni giving rate which compared favorably to many of the Top 50 institutions in the magazine's annual survey.

"We are grateful for all that all of our alumni do to help support Northwestern," said NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb. "Over the years, our alumni have been receptive and willing to help move Northwestern forward. These scholarships help the University attract and retain outstanding students who help strengthen Northwestern."

Endowed scholarships usually start with a \$10,000 investment. A gift of \$100,000 would endow a full scholarship to NSU.

This year, the NSU Foundation awarded 310 scholarships worth \$205,685 to students at the University."

Giving back

Receiving a scholarship is very helpful to me and my family. I receive a TOPS scholarship, but there are many other necessities," said Donald Paddie of Noble, a recipient of the Ellis and Melva Juanita Martinez Couteau Scholarship. "It is good that successful people are willing to give back to help students at Northwestern. I am thankful to Mr. and Mrs. Couteau for setting up the scholarship." III

list to Janay Matt at the Office of Alumni Affairs, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA 71497 or by e-mail at giblinj@nsula.edu. Deadline for entries is September 1, 2002. If you have any questions you can contact her at (888) 799-6486.

So pick up the phone and find out who is out of touch with their alma mater. You could be the winner!

Thank you to Sam and Edwina Friedman of Dimension Development, proprietors of the Ramada Inn of Natchitoches. III



Student-athletes at NSU leading the conference in academic achievement

Winning is important to the Athletic Department at Northwestern, but victories come in other places besides the playing field. While student-athletes at NSU have brought national attention to the university through competition, their work in the classroom has also brought distinction to the University.

This past year, Northwestern led all Southland Conference institutions in the graduation rate of student-athletes as 47 percent earned degrees, according to the 2001 NCAA graduation rate study. And indications are that the graduation rate will continue to climb based on the recent academic performance of nearly 250 NSU student-athletes.

G.P.A. for the fall 2001 semester

Five of 10 sport groupings at NSU posted 3.0 cumulative grade point averages for the fall 2001 semester and the other five had averages of 2.5 or better. The study gives graduation information about students and student-athletes entering in 1994 — the most recent graduating class for which the required six years of information is available. Each report provides information about student-athletes who received athletics aid in one or more of eight sports categories: football, men's basketball, baseball, men's track and field/cross country, men's other sports and mixed sports, women's basketball, women's track and field/cross country and women's other sports.

"Our main concern is for the student athlete's welfare and that they have the best possible college experience," said Athletic Academic Adviser Julie Lessiter ('97), who also serves as senior women's administrator. "We want them to have a smooth transition to college. We have set up a good support system to encourage student-athletes to graduate and in turn become good role models and citizens."

Academic study center

Those efforts got a major boost last year with the opening of the 2,400-square foot Johnnie Emmons Academic Study Center on the second floor of the Athletic Fieldhouse. The facility includes 26 study carrels, a computer lab, five tutoring rooms, a group study room and can accommodate up to 80 students simultaneously.

"Having the Emmons Academic Study Center has made a tremendous difference for us," said Lessiter. "We were previously operating in a concourse of Prather Coliseum. Now there are less distractions and we are more centralized."

According to Athletic Director Greg Burke, the emphasis on academic achievement is in keeping with the department's mission statement and gives the university's athletic programs an opportunity for future success.

"Athletic success is in harmony with academic success," said Burke. "Academic success helps us in the long run. It helps in recruiting because we can tell prospects and their families about the history of academic achievement. Parents send their child to college to get a degree."

Athletic department goal

One of the Athletic Department's goals is to see the graduation rate of student-athletes continue to increase.

"Nearly every one of our student-athletes has, or quickly develops, an understanding of the opportunity they have here at Northwestern to succeed academically and to earn a college degree," said Lessiter. "There's positive peer pressure here to achieve in the classroom. These are competitive people and they have coaches who have academic achievement at the top of their priority chart." III



Fellow Alumni:

Scott Stoker

It's great to be a Demon, and it's great to be back at my alma mater! As the new head football coach at NSU, I commit to you that Demon football will be exciting, that our team will play hard, and that every effort will be made to develop each young man into a leader who will represent our alma mater with class.

My goal also is to continue to make NSU one of the top Division I-AA football programs in the country. Having a large fan base will help create inspiration and support for our players and will provide additional finances which will enable us to keep pace with the best Division I-AA programs nationally.

I encourage you, especially if you live within two hours of Natchitoches, to purchase football season tickets. We have a great **six-game home schedule** this season. The atmosphere, including pre-game tailgating, is great, the band show at halftime is spectacular and Demon football is pure and wholesome family entertainment.

Thanks for considering 2002 football season tickets. I look forward to seeing you in Turpin Stadium! III

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Dr. Randall J. Webb

Webb receives favorable evaluation from Board

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System accepted the formal evaluation of Northwestern State University President Dr. Randall J.

Webb at a recent meeting.

Webb was evaluated by Dr. Edward Penson, president and senior principal of Penson-Strawbridge (The Research and Consultations firm) and president emeritus of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Penson spent two days on the Northwestern campus earlier this year and met with a cross-section of university faculty and staff and community members.

The Board of Supervisors adopted a formal evaluation process for university presidents in 1999. The policy calls for each president to be formally reviewed every three to four years and informally reviewed each year. This is the first formal evaluation of Webb under the policy.

Webb has been NSU's president since 1996. An executive summary of the report noted that under Webb's leadership Northwestern has:

- Become the first and only public university in Louisiana to achieve 100 accreditation of eligible academic programs;

- Led the state in the number of exclusively electronic courses offered;

- Achieved record enrollments for the past three semesters; Improved retention rates;

- Achieved a record of clean financial audits;

- Seen annual giving and endowments for the NSU Foundation rise significantly;

- Improved student services;

- Enhanced computing technology; and

- Enhanced campus facilities.

The executive summary said "The Board accepts Dr. Penson's report and concurs with his findings that Dr. Webb is an effective spokesperson for the University and is regarded as a person of integrity, honesty, sensitivity, and enthusiasm."

"I am grateful to the Board of Supervisors for its ongoing support in helping Northwestern continue to move forward," said Webb. "I plan to study Dr. Penson's review and constructive suggestions closely and use his ideas to make Northwestern a better University." III

Many NSU Alumni enjoy working for their alma mater

With the constant advancement of online courses and 100 percent accreditation, nationwide opportunities await graduates of Northwestern State University. However, more and more NSU alumni are choosing to stay at their alma mater after graduation. Of the 535 unclassified employees at NSU, approximately 35 percent are NSU graduates.

Assistant women's basketball coaches Kia Converse and Jennifer Graf both graduated from Northwestern in 2000. They are both also working on their master's degrees in sports administration while coaching.

Graf relished at the idea of staying at Northwestern after graduating because she enjoyed the friendly atmosphere. A native of Loranger, Graf said she grew to love the people in this town and university.

Converse, who is originally from Napoleonville, said working with James Smith, head women's basketball coach, was one of the reasons she stayed at Northwestern after graduation.

"He lets us take on a lot of responsibilities. When people were doubting us, he was confident with us," she said.

Darlene Williams earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education, master of education degree in educational leadership and specialist degree in educational technology at NSU. She currently serves as coordinator and trainer with Electronic Learning Systems. Northwestern's Office of Electronic Learning assesses and implements technologies that make online student services, compressed video, desktop video and satellite downlinks possible.

Williams said she wanted to work for her alma mater because she thoroughly enjoyed the professors and courses as a student here.

"First and foremost, I had a very good undergraduate experience," she said.

Williams was a non-traditional student at NSU. She was able to complete the majority of her master and specialist degrees with the online courses that she now helps oversee as coordinator in Electronic Learning Systems.

"Who would have thought, given the experience, I'd be involved in the largest electronic learning program in Louisiana," said Williams. "I am more involved in campus activities coming back as an alumni than I was as an undergraduate."

Williams said she loves staying in contact with university activities and the opportunity to network with other alumni.

Head of the Department of Journalism, Dr. Steve Horton, knew he wanted to stay at Northwestern the first semester he was there as a student. He began his stay by teaching introductory journalism courses and is now the chair of the program that awarded his undergraduate degree.

"There's something unique about working at Northwestern," Horton said. "In many cases my former professors are my 'peers' and still are my 'mentors'." I've also had the opportunity to teach in all kinds of situations to all kinds of students, including mothers and fathers of my friends, my children's classroom teachers and all other kids of strange combinations. Where else would you have such an opportunity?" III



University creates School of Creative & Performing Arts

Northwestern State University has designated its Department of Creative and Performing Arts as the Mrs. H.D. Dear Sr. and Alice Estelle Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts. The name change has been approved by the Louisiana Board of Regents and University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors.

The School of Creative and Performing Arts is one of NSU's designated Areas of Excellence and includes programs in art, music and theatre which have earned full accreditation.

"This indicates that the university has taken steps to increase the visibility of the school and provide a first class education in the visual, creative and performing arts. We want to provide our students with the best," said Bill Brent, director of the School of Creative and Performing Arts. "The designation is a recognition of the growth of the program and separates us from other fine arts programs."

Enrollment

Enrollment in Creative and Performing Arts has grown by 233 percent in the last decade to more than 400 students. The programs are gaining a national reputation for excellence. Student music ensembles were selected to perform in Carnegie Hall and at the College Band Directors National Association. Theatre students have been chosen through competitive auditions to work in 18 professional theatre companies in 16 states. Visual art students have been commissioned by major corporations to design artwork.

"We have been successful in attracting students from throughout Louisiana and from across the country," said Brent. "The quality of our students and what they have accomplished was a major factor in obtaining this designation."

Brent said the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band has students from 11 states and other programs in the school also bring in a number of out-of-state students. Graduates in creative and performing arts have also gone on to become educators, professionals or enroll in some of the top graduate schools in the country.

Faculty

The school's faculty has also brought regional, national and international attention to the university. Members of the faculty have performed, exhibited work and lectured throughout the United States and in Europe, Latin America and South America. Nationally known artists and musicians regularly visit the university to instruct students. Members of the faculty regularly perform at concerts and recitals or conduct student groups.

"Northwestern is fortunate to have such an outstanding faculty in creative and performing arts," said Brent. "Each of them work to stay current in their field and bring that knowledge back to their students. In addition to being gifted artists, they are also dedicated teachers who spend a great deal of time working individually with students." III

Wreck



Another semester has come to a close at Northwestern leaving some to reminisce upon past memories and traditions. One tradition that ended nearly 20 years ago was known as Wreck Tech Week.

Wreck Tech was the week leading up to a football game with one of Northwestern's biggest rivals, Louisiana Tech of Ruston. The rivalry began in 1907 with NSU and Tech holding the game at alternating schools. However, in 1937, the game became the opening event of the Louisiana State Fair in Shreveport.

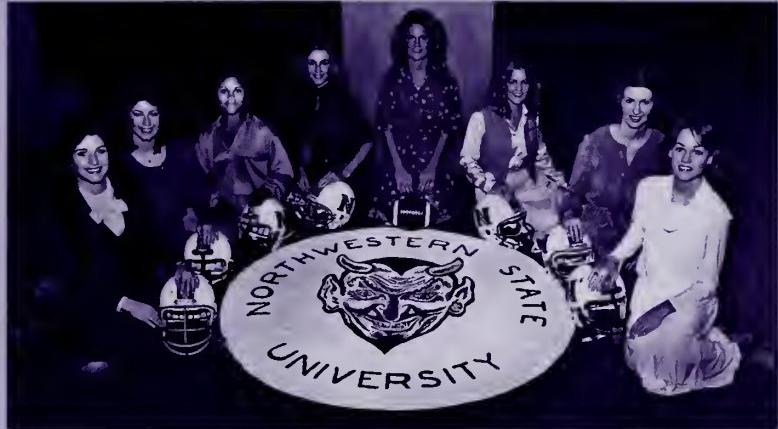
Every year in late October, a State Fair queen and court were elected at NSU. Pep rallies, dances, poster and pie-eating contests and parades were held the week before the big game. Local stores would sell out of purple and white streamers because NSU students loved to show their pride.

During Wreck Tech Week, Northwestern students would make a bulldog, Tech's mascot. It would then be charged with a list of felonies and hanged in Turpin Stadium. The bulldog's remains would be left for all students to see and it would be burned in a bonfire.

The week's events would culminate on a Saturday when NSU and Tech students would travel to Shreveport for the big game held at the State Fair Stadium.

Starting in 1949 by student leader, J. O. Lancaster, the winner of the game would be given a banner, known as "the rag," to hang at their school. Also, the loser would be served crow on the victor's campus. III

Tech!



Guess Who?

Can you guess the names of the State Fair Court shown in the picture? If so, please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at 318-357-4414. The first five people to call with the correct answer will win a prize!



Looking Backwards

Congratulations to the following winners of the Guess Who Contest. They knew that the people in the above photograph are Cass Moss, class president; Elvin Lightsey, vice president; and Jean Lyons, secretary of the Class of 1952.

Max Pugh ('51) of Alexandria
Dan Poole ('52) of Natchitoches
Ruth Lee Harlan ('52) of Natchitoches
Jean Burkhalter Clark ('52) of Monroe
Mary Jo Houston Fragala ('52) of Monroe
James K Howard ('52) of Shreveport
Ruth Ellender Gray ('52) of Thibodeaux
Barbara Edwards Ables ('54) of Sherman, Texas
Beth Johnson ('52) of Harrisonburg
George Grammer ('52) of Baton Rouge
George Pharis ('52) Boyce

The three 1952 class officers Cass Moss, Elvin Lightsey and Jean Lyons have been busy since they graduated.

Moss served three and a half years in the United State Navy. He then worked for a Savings and Loan company for 30 years. He now owns an

independent law practice in Winnfield. Moss has two children and four grandchildren.

Lightsey also served in the Navy. He was drafted into the Korean war after graduation. He spent 23 years as a Naval aviator on multi-engineered planes. After his military retirement in 1971 he worked for a financial management company until 1983. He enjoys playing golf, volunteering and participating in civic organizations. He now lives in Orange Park, Fla. on the St. John's River, one of two rivers in the world that flows from south to north. He has 2 sons and three grandchildren.

Lyons taught school for over 26 years. She obtained her master's degree in music education from the University of Colorado in Boulder. Since her retirement in 1980, she has been busy with volunteer work, particularly with Campus on Missions, a national church sponsored organization. She also directed a local Junior Summer Theatre for junior high students for seven summers. III



Support Demon Football in Athens, Georgia

The Northwestern State University Alumni Association is sponsoring a trip for Demon Alumni and Friends to support the NSU Demon football team as they play the University of Georgia Bulldogs in Athens. Trip dates are September 20-22.

Alumni Affairs and the Travel Place have teamed together to form a vacation package. King Occupancy is \$492 per person. Double Occupancy is \$503 per person. The package includes:

- Round trip airfare from Shreveport to Atlanta
- Round trip airport/hotel transfer in Atlanta
- Hotel accommodations for two nights, including tax, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Atlanta

- Hotel portage
- Bus transfer to and from Athens on game day
- Game ticket
- Friday night cocktail party
- Breakfast buffet for both mornings

Flight times are:

Friday, September 20:

Departing Shreveport at 10:25 a.m.—Arriving in Atlanta at 12:57 p.m.

Sunday, September 22:

Departing Atlanta at 8:40 a.m.—Arriving in Shreveport at 9:26 a.m.

Deposits are due by June 17 and final payments are due by August 15. For more information and to make reservations contact Margaret Fleming—The Travel Place—560 Second Street Natchitoches, La. 71457—(800) 444-1836—(318) 352-8600



Natchitoches Mayor Wayne McCullen ('69) and his wife Sandra Crotwell McCullen ('70) hosted the Natchitoches student recruiting reception this spring. Also shown are Director of Alumni Affairs Chris Maggio, Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs Janay Matt and Director of Admissions and Recruiting Jana Lucky.

Linda and Malcolm Maddox ('71, center) hosted the Monroe students recruiting reception this spring. Also shown are Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs Janay Matt, Director of Institutional Development Tony Gustwick, Assistant Director of Institutional Advancement Lesa Hatley and Assistant Athletic Director of Development Rob Zinkan.



Shannon Brummett ('94) and Julie Duncan ('00) catch up at the Shreveport Alumni Crawfish Boil.



Jack Eversull ('64), John Brewton ('54) and Jackie E. Brewton ('55) visited at the Dallas alumni crawfish boil.



Ricky ('85) and Julie Messina ('89) Walmsley hosted the Covington student recruiting reception. Also shown are Director of Alumni Affairs Chris Maggio ('85, '91, far left) Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs Janay Matt and Director of Admissions and Recruiting Jana Lucky.



Brenda Webb got the chance to visit with Melba ('44) and Moise Steeg at the New Orleans alumni gathering at Barreca's restaurant.



Leonard ('93) and Angela ('94) Williams visited with NSU graduate Beth Bowman Tomlinson ('91) at the New Orleans alumni gathering at Barreca's restaurant..

Alumni Events



Kim McKinney Willey ('92) and Kristen Weber show their support for NSU at the New Orleans student recruiting reception.



Gene ('63) and Martha Koury hosted the Lessville alumni recruiting reception this spring. Also shown are Martha Hooper ('97) and Matt Koury ('95).



Dan ('57) and Lilly Chase hosted the Baton Rouge student recruiting reception this spring.



Karen Carpenter Shideler ('85) and Jeff Shideler ('79) attended the Shreveport Alumni Crawfish Boil.



Molly Beach ('02), Parker Wiggins ('41) and Mark Deshotel ('99) show their support for Northwestern during the Monroe student recruiting reception.



Carolyn Hartt ('76) and Meradeth Hartt attended the Alexandria student recruiting reception together.



Hope and Greg ('73) O'Quin hosted the Alexandria student recruiting reception. Also pictured is Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs Janay Matt.



Marvin Watkins ('50), Theophile Scott ('43), Melba Morris and John McConathy ('51) enjoy visiting at the Shreveport Alumni Crawfish boil.



Director of Admissions and Recruiting Jana Lucky ('92), NSU President Randall Webb ('65, '66) and Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs Janay Matt ('99) stop to thank New Orleans recruiting reception hosts Johnny Carmouche, Josette Sirmon and Quin Sirmon ('94).



Director of Alumni Affairs Chris Maggio visits with 1992 graduate Morgan Collins at the Leesville alumni and recruiting reception.





Julian Foy ('72) hosted the Many alumni/recruiting reception in Many this year. Also shown are Director of Admissions and Recruiting Jana Lucky, NSU President Randall Webb and Brenda Webb.

Latrice Garner Harris ('97) and Tracy Harris ('95) were among the attendees at the Dallas alumni crawfish boil.

Shown are Director of Admissions and Recruiting Jana Lucky, Charles ('71) and Linda Johnston ('75) Knicely hosted the Shreveport student recruiting reception this spring.



Connie Weeks Taylor ('94) and her husband Jeff ('93) attended the New Orleans alumni gathering at Barreca's restaurant.



Roy ('93) and Kim Parker Divittorio attended the New Orleans alumni gathering at Barreca's restaurant.



Meade ('76) and Peg Phelps attended the New Orleans alumni gathering at Barreca's restaurant.



Kelly Kendall Mims ('97), Angela Hennigan ('95) and Jill Cantrell ('93) were among the attendees of the Dallas alumni crawfish boil.



Pesky Hill ('72) Assistant Athletic Director of Development Rob Zinkan and Carol Hill ('71) attended the Shreveport student recruiting reception.





1925

Marie E. Toups is retired from Lockport High School after 42 years as a teacher and principal. She lives in Lockport.

1942

Mozelle Smith Lasyone retired from LaSalle Parish School Board as a special education teacher. She is married and lives in Jena.

1944

Frances Ann Gibson Enevoldsen retired from Lincoln Public Schools as an elementary principal. She lives in Lincoln, Neb.

1952

James Kenneth Howard is employed at Caddo Parish School and LSU Medical Center. He is married and lives in Shreveport.

1953

Bobbie L. Goree is retired after 35 years from Citgo Corporation as the chief operator. He is married and lives in Sulphur.

Winnie Dowden Wyatt lives in Grapevine, Texas with her husband.

1954

Betty E. Kinman is a retired registered nurse. She is married and lives in Choudrant.

1960

A. Edwin Thedford is an associate professor of music at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark. He is currently serving as state president for the Arkansas Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS).

Diane Sue Imhoff is a counselor at Regina Dominican High School in Wilmette, Ill. She lives in Desplaines, Ill.

J. Catherine (Kay) Bryant is the hospital administrator at Dubuis Hospital of Shreveport.

1961

William "Bill" W. Robinson is a semi-retired orthodontist. He is married and lives in Sherman, Texas.

1963

Jane Jeffress Gault is a retired educator. She is married and lives in Pleasant Hill.

Bobby G. Guin is retired from La. Department of Social Services after 32 years. He is a deputy sheriff with the Winn Parish Sheriff Office.

1965

Grover Lamar Bates is the supervisor of photography at Georgia Perimeter College. He is married to Diane N. Bates ('67) and they live in Loganville, Ga.

Dr. E.T. Noone is a professor of mathematics at Longview College in Farmerville, Va. This year he received the William C. Lowery College/University Mathematics Teacher of the Year Award from the Virginia Council of Mathematics this spring. He is married to Jean Noone and lives in Prospect, Va.

MaryAnn Provenza Bargmann

Class of 1968



Northwestern State University's education graduates can be found all over the country. Plano, Texas is where you will find NSU graduate and Barksdale Elementary Principal Mary Ann Provenza Bargmann.

After graduating in August of 1968, Bargmann almost immediately went to work in her hometown of Shreveport, teaching at Caddo Heights Elementary. After 11 years of classroom teaching, she became the curriculum coordinator for six years and quickly moved up to principal.

A move to Texas brought her to the city she lives in today.

"My husband's work brought me to Texas," Bargmann said. "I had heard that Plano was a wonderful place to teach. When I applied, I checked everything that I could do from teaching to principal on the application. My husband said 'What are you going to do if they put you back in the classroom?' Sure enough, that's what happened."

Her credentials did not leave her in the classroom for long. During her second year, she was asked to help start Barksdale Elementary, a new school.

"I love working with children," Bargmann said. "My first love is teaching. I also love working with the staff to support them and helping them get the training they need to be successful teachers. I am a very hands-on administrator. I go to classrooms everyday and know about 80 percent of my students by name."

Bargmann's influence on education came from her father.

"Daddy raised six children," she said. "He told us we would all graduate, and he didn't mean just high school. He taught us that education is the key to success. Yet he didn't have the means to support us, so we made the best of it by working through school and taking out loans."

There was no question Bargmann would attend NSU. She followed in the footsteps of her two older sisters after they told her that Northwestern was the best school to study education.

"NSU was a good college for me," Bargmann said. "It offered an education in my field and I certainly have done well with that education."

III



1966

John Patrick McMeel is a commander of the Naval Reserve Force. He is married, has three children and lives in Slidell.

Judy Ann Gowland Edwards retired in May with 36 years of service in East Baton Rouge Schools as a teacher and school counselor. She is married to Terry E. Edwards ('65), a real estate appraiser.

1967

Bobby D. Land is retired from Marathon Oil Company as an offshore operator. He is married to Fern Monroe Land ('63), a retired teacher and they live in Colfax.

1968

G. Thom Williams is the manager of business banking at Hibernia Bank in Lake Charles. He is married and has two children.

Don Vallery is retired. He lives in Bossier City with his wife.

1972

Michael Ramsey, professor of clinical laboratory science at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, was named Outstanding Professor in the College of Allied Health and Rehab Professions in April.

Urson Steve Bacle works in the USAF Petroleum Office as the director of plans and programs at Ft. Belvoir. He is married, has children and lives in Stafford, Va.

1975

Melissa Muse Trammell is a supervisor of special education. She is married, has two sons and lives in Campi.

Belinda Flowers Birch is employed at Peralta Community in Oakland, Calif. as a senior programmer analyst. She is currently doing continuing education at Merritt College in the Dietetic Tech Program.

1977

Mike Sibley was recently promoted to director of business and economic development services for Cleco Power LLC, a subsidiary of Cleco Corporation.

1978

Robert Edward Carnes is employed at the LSU Alumni Association. He is married and has four children.

Michael Joseph Maher is the assistant director of the South Shore Collaborative School in Higham, Mass. He is married and has two children. They live in Cohasse, Mass.

1979

Hector Giron is a general manager for Semillas Magna in Caracas, Venezuela. He is married and has two children.

Randy Johnson is dean of students, athletic director and head football coach at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School. He lives in Robert.

1981

Renee Meche Bose Sims works in marketing, customer service and is the outreach supervisor of laboratory services at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas.

1982

Angela D. Wetherington Capello is employed by La. Department Wildlife and Fisheries as a wildlife educator III. She is married to Kenneth Capello ('93) and they live in Pineville.

William E. "Bill" Murry is a financial advisor at AXA Advisors LLC in Oakdale. He is married and has two children.

Leigh A. LaRose Beaumont is employed at Gambit Communications in New Orleans as a credit manager. She is married and lives in Kenner.

1985

Terrell E. Spears teaches at a public high school in Saint Augustine, Fla. He has five children and will become a grandfather in August.

1986

Christi Moore is the director of continuing education at Louisiana College. She lives in Pineville.

1987

Yvette LaSha Garrett Williams is the assistant to the registrar at NSU.

1989

Michelle Ann Efferson is a teacher and coach at Central High School. She lives in Gonzales.

1990

Kelly D. Rushton McCormick is a housewife. She is married to Jim McCormick ('88), has three children and lives in Bentonville, Ark.

LaWanna Shows Faught is employed by Ascension Parish School Board at Lake Primary as a teacher of preschool disabled.

1991

Ashlie Annette Cox Delrie is a RN at Advantage Nursing. She is married and has two children.

Walter Brett Harris is a software engineer for GHG Corporation in the Clear Lake area of Houston, Texas. He is married and has a son. They live in Pearland, Texas.

1992

Larry J. Conner is the pastor and founder of Victory unto Victory Revivals, Inc. He is married and lives in Lawton, Okla.

Sabra Lauren Lands is employed at First National Bank in commercial lending in Springdale, Ariz.

Kelle S. Wilson is a high school deaf education teacher for the Fort Bend Independent School District in Sugarland, Texas. She lives in Houston.

1993

Malcolm Rene works at GPS Community Credit Union. He is married and lives in Humble, Utah.

Joni Atkinson is a sales manager at Candle Corporation. She lives in Dallas.

Karen Kennedy is a human resources manager at Multifamily Security in Addison, Texas. She lives in Dallas.

Andre James Simon is employed at First Baptist Church in Nacogdoches, Texas as the minister of music. He is married and has one child.

Angelia Sherree Joubert Smith is the nursing home administrator at Golden Age Nursing Center. She is married and lives in Jena.



III

Michael Chance

Kenneth Bryan Capello is a mentor coordinator at Louisiana National Guard Youth Challenge Program. He is married to Angela Wetherington Capello ('82) and they live in Pineville.

1994

Dennis Raymond Spires is a math teacher at Pickering High School. He is married to Stacie Hudson Spires ('94), has a five-year-old named Cohen Spires and lives in DeRidder.

1995

Todd K. Patrick is a sales recruiter for Spherion in Orlando. He is married and lives in Lake Mary, Fla.

Frances Ann Gadd Adams is a staff nurse in med-surg department at Sabine Medical Center. She lives in Many.

Judi Dwana Free Walker is a special education teacher in Grant Parish. She is married and has two children. They live in Bentley.

D. Clay Gardner is a personal financial advisor for American Express Financial Advisors, Inc. He is married and lives in Baton Rouge.

Wanda Fay Johnson is employed by the state of Louisiana as a social service specialist I. She is married, has one child and lives in Alexandria.

Nolan W. Baily is a software engineer for Worldcom Inc. He develops automation applications for WorldCom Global Integration Lab. He lives in Plano, Texas.

1996

Karen A. Townsend is working as a career resource specialist at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Ga.

Bobby "Boots" Wayne Adams Jr. is the vice president of marketing at ICT Insurance. He coaches little league baseball and is enrolled at LSU to pursue an MBA. He is married to Candace T. Adams ('00) and they have two children. They live in Baton Rouge.

Andy Field is employed at Oak Park Middle School in Lake Charles as an eighth-grade math and algebra one teacher. He is married and lives in Lake Charles.

1997

Jeannine M. Bordelon is a registered nurse at Lincoln General Hospital in Ruston.

Jerlonda Thomas is a professor in the communications division and testing coordinator at Brookhaven College. She lives in Dallas.

Ryan Tate Wilson is a teacher at Bossier High School. He is married to Wende Coker Wilson ('98) and they live in Stonewall.

1998

A. J. Kennedy is currently working in Baton Rouge for Arch Wireless as a sales executive. He is married to Lauren Brown Kennedy ('98) and they live in Denham Springs.

Class of 1973



The events of September 11 seem far away to many of us, but for one alumnus, Michael Chance, it was a day that changed his home forever.

Chance is the director of church development for the Metro New York Baptist Association. He works on leadership development for pastors and is the key leader of 200 churches in the New York area.

Chance, who lives in East Brunswick, New Jersey, said the terrorist attacks of last fall changed not only his attitude on life, but the attitudes of all New York.

"Prior to 9/11, New York thought that the whole world revolved around us," said Chance. "The events caused New Yorkers to pull together and become a family. It's not nearly the arrogant and rude city that it was."

Chance's office building is three and a half miles from Ground Zero, and their building became the center of the Southern Baptist response to the events and became very much involved in the relief efforts.

Late in the evening, he and his daughter went to Ground Zero to support the emergency response teams. Even though most of Manhattan had been evacuated and few people were getting through to the wreckage, Chance was let through to help console the tiresome workers.

Chance's most vivid memory of the events was his returning to work on September 13. It was his first chance to see the skyline and how it was changed.

"I wept," said Chance. "I felt personally violated. It destroyed the city I love and service."

Chance is a 1973 graduate of Northwestern. His decision to attend NSU came very early.

"There was no other school I wanted to go to," he said. "I had a fifth grade teacher named Curtis Paul. It was his first teaching assignment. I idolized him and he always talked about his days at Northwestern. I don't think I ever applied to any other school."

Chance thought he wanted to go into radio broadcasting and was working toward a degree in speech.

"It was because of my involvement with the BCM that I was lead to the ministry," said Chance. God was leading me in a different direction. It was a major turning point in my life. I am grateful to Northwestern and the BCM," said Chance. "I would not be doing what I do now, I promise you that." III



Linda L. Bier Keller is employed by Century 21 Napolitano & Scaggs Realty as a realtor. She lives in DeLand, Fla.

Lauren Brown Kennedy teaches fifth grade at Denham Springs Elementary. She is married to A.J. Kennedy ('98).

Samala Duffy is a Probation Officer at Pima County Juvenile Court. She is married to Jeremy Cook ('98). They have two daughters and live in Green Valley, Ariz.

Jeremy Cook is working with the INS as a border patrol agent. He is married to Samala Duffy ('98).

Shannon Leigh Rachal currently works at Books A Million in Lake Charles. She also plays trombone and baritone in the Lake Charles Community Band. She is active in the choir at UMW at Welsh Memorial Untied Methodist Church in Vinton. She lives in Vinton.

Donita Poteat is a third grade teacher at West Leesville Elementary. She is also pursuing a master's degree in educational technology. She is getting married May 25, 2002.

Flora M. Saez is an account manager at Assessment Technologies in Houston.

1999

Dionne Margaret Boyce is employed at Eden Park Elementary in East Baton Rouge. She lives in Prairieville.

Frances McGill is an event manager at The Hotel Blue in downtown Albuquerque. She is engaged and will be getting married on October 5, 2002. She lives in Rio Rancho, N.M.

Jacqueline Ann Borrero is currently attending graduate school at NSU-Cenla in school counseling.

Ian James East is the branch manager at Enterprise Rent-a-Car in Ruston. He lives in West Monroe.

Wuanicia Denise Milner Kirts is a teacher at the Grant Parish Police Jury Head Start. She is married and has two children.

2000

Katie Irene Bowen is the coordinator of development services at LSU.

Benjamin B. Beebe recently received his commission as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla.

Betsy Ruth Corley Warwick is a family and consumer science teacher and cheer coach at Georgetown High School.

2001

Shelly Baswell Stroud is director of recruiting at Bossier Parish Community College. She is married to Stephen Taylor Stroud ('00). They have one son and live in Elm Grove.

Robert J. McCormack is in management with Tyson Foods. He lives in Madisonville, Ky.

Dieter Fertsch is currently the general manager at COGACSA, an agro industrial firm in Honduras. He is also the Latin American representative for Garlock Seals in Miami.

June Kristy Michot is the assistant to the director of Institution Research and Effectiveness at Louisiana State University at Alexandria. She lives in Bunkie.

Wes B. Rutherford is an officer with the Carrollton City Police. He is married and has two children. He lives in Carrollton, Texas.

Jennifer L. Owens Black is a stay at home mom. She is married to John Robert Black ('98). They have two children and live in Bossier City.

Anna Marie Ralph Vieages is a notarial secretary/notary public at Carol A. Newman, APLC. She is married, has three children and lives in Metairie.

Nicole Michelle Jagers works in sample management at Pace Analytical Services, Inc. She is married and lives in New Orleans.

2002

Lori Ann Maria Miller will attend the University of Florida for graduate school this fall.



In Memory

'30 Edith Eloise Whittington Durham

'32 Opal Sutton Jacobs, New Orleans, January 17, 2002

'32 Clarice McFarland Berlin

'36 Mary Lengendre Caillouet, Thibodaux, February 23, 2002

'37 E Chaudoir, Port Allen, January 3, 2002

'38 Charles Hartley Mathis Jr., Baton Rouge, December 04, 2000

'38 Robert Jones, Oakdale, March 21, 2002

'38 Rosemary Thomas Baker, April 19, 2002

'39 Ona V. Miller, Florien, February 20, 2002

'41 Mrs. Henry Maurin, August 21, 2001

'43 Dorothy Cleveland Smith, Sulphur, March 2, 2002

'46 Dr. James Bailey, Franklinton, November 10, 2001

'51 Lolan Earl Nunley, Tyler, Texas, June 5, 2001

'51 Geneva Smith, November 1, 2001

'52 Major Cecil P. Davis, Portland, Ore., January 4, 2002

'65 Dr. Edgar Waters Bryan III, Kemmerer, Wyo., February 10, 2002

'70 Archie Wayne Anderson, March 25, 2002

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Please fill this page out as completely as possible. We are constantly revising our records and your information updates are vital to making the system work. The information from this form is also used for entries in the "Class Notes" section. Please make a copy of this page and give it to any NSU graduate who may not be on our list. We can't keep in touch with you if we can't find you! Thank you.

Date _____ SSN: _____

Name: (Miss, Mrs. Mr.)
Please Circle _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

NSU undergraduate degree(s): _____ Year of graduation: _____

NSU graduate degree(s): _____ Year of graduation: _____

During which years did you attended NSU? _____

Which organizations were you involved in while a student at NSU?

Place of employment _____

Job title: _____ Work phone: _____

Spouse's name: _____

Is your spouse an NSU graduate? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, what degree(s) did he / she earn?

Spouse's undergraduate degree (s) _____ Year of graduation _____

Spouse's graduate degree (s) _____ Year of graduation _____

Do you have children who are potential Northwestern students? Please give their names and contact information.

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Over 40 members of the Class of 1952 received their 50-year diplomas during Northwestern State University's spring commencement exercises. The class spent the day touring the City of Natchitoches, catching up on old times and walking across the commencement stage once again. Those who participated are, Zona Mae Morris Antony, Sammie Jean Banks, Kathryn Dawkins Bonsall, Irene Hebert Chesnutt, Jean Burkhalter Clark, Beryl DeLoach Combs, Mary Jo Houston Fragala, Louisa Johnson Fremming, Katherine Hopkins Frey, George Neal Grammer, Charlotte Martin Hamilton, Ruth Lee Harlan, Fay B. Holloway, James "Ken" Howard, Beth McGuffee Johnson, Georgene Claxton Kehoe, Sue Tucker Kimball, Pat Cameron Klassen, Marilyn Barnett Light, Hazel Jean Lyons, Henry "Buddy" Maggio, Ronald Martin, Beverly Miles Melancon, Al Morgan, Dudley Isaac Morrison, Helen Schlette Newsom, Sarah Alma Richardson Owers, Frank Pasqua, Dollie Smith Petrus, Daniel Poole, Nelwyn Boydston Poole, Artie Ranew, Sharon Wright Ricke, Shelton Robinson, Quincy L. Ropp, Firal Ryder, Wanda Dolores Sutherland Sims, Carolyn McLean Steelman, Darlene Blackwell Bennett Thompson, Eunice Schelette Trahan, Patricia Marmande Trahan, Margaret Gene Ohlsen Yates and John Zenter.

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